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Please note that if you have not renewed your membership by the 14th March, this is the last newsletter you will receive, so if you plan to remain a member of KAOS, make haste and save us the bother of taking your name off the mailing list and then having to put it back on again.

Because of a mix-up with registration of the name The Australian Source (TAS) is now called - wait for it - The Australian Beginning (TAB?????)..... If you're not careful with your modem you may find yourself backing the winner of the Cup. We had hoped to arrange a demonstration at the February meeting but because of the problems of getting a large screen that everyone could clearly see, the demonstration has been postponed to a later meeting.

If you are not using your computer and would like to sell it, write to us, stating all the details and we will advertise it (for free) in the newsletter. If you have sold your computer, we would appreciate you dropping us a line to tell us who the new owner is, so that we can contact him or her and tell them about KAOS.

We had a phone call from David Tasker this week and his new business is now running smoothly which means he has more free time to work on the new video board, which is nearly completed. If there are no complications we will be able to let you know when it will be available in the March newsletter. The GTBUG is finished except for documentation, we hope to pin Tony down and get this done when he comes back from his holiday..

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 28th February at 2pm at the Essendon Primary School, corner of Raleigh St and Nicholson St, Essendon. Would the usual early arrivers please note that the children from the school will be in early for their lesson.

\*\*M.A.C.E.\*\*

Hello again.

What's new for the fantastic ATARI this month? At last some hardware is starting to surface. First there is a new I/O board that fits into the third memory slot on the 800. The main advantage is the ability to use a direct parallel interface instead of the present method of going out through the serial port, an interface, then converting back to serial. If this could be used to connect a disk drive, it would speed it up by a factor of 8 to 10.

They are also going to have an 8" disk ready soon. More info from MICROLINK 2078C Walsh Ave., Santa Clara, California.

If you have 4 to 6 thousand dollars to spare, you can buy a Winchester Disk System. They are from CORVUS Systems Inc., each unit comes with an intelligent controller which provides high speed operation that requires virtually no software support and are made in 5 to 20 megabyte versions.

ATARI Pascal will be released this winter, it will be sold through the Atari Program Exchange for about \$50.00, compare that to the Apple. It will compile to 6502 code rather than P code. This gives the ATARI a very large language library, Basic, Basic A+, Forth, Lisp, Pilot, WSFN, various assemblers and shortly Microsoft Basic, various macro assemblers, Tiny C and Logo. Quite a collection and even more remarkable is the extremely low cost compared to any other computer.

New from Atari is the Book Keeper, it's a disk based program and comes with a numeric keypad, the Atari Pacman (at last) and Centipede. John Bell from Crystalware, has started a new company called U.F.O. SOFTWARE. He will market 16K cartridges, he already markets the best third party software for the Atari. A new cartridge company is K-BYTE. The first program is called K-RAZY SHOOTOUT, it is a superb game, it's a duplicate of BERZERK for the 400/800. They also plan on releasing K-DOS, also K-STAR PATROL, a defender type game and last of all a invaders type game. All of these are excellent, better than most of the Atari cartridges. Contact K-BYTE, P.O. BOX 456, 1755 AUSTIN, TROY, M148099, tell them you heard from MACE.

ATARI have just sent me an advanced Programmers guide for the ATARI. It is very well written and very helpful. See me if you want to borrow it for copying, it is about 200 pages so have plenty of money for copying.

ATARI RUMOURS:- It seems Atari are are working on a voice recognition unit, they are very advanced so don't expect to wait to long for it.

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FOR SALE

1 Teleray	V.D.U.	\$200.00	obo
RS 232	110 - 4800 Baud		
80 X 25			
1 ASR 33 Teletype		\$300.00	obo
4 8K Tasker Buss	RAM Boards	\$ 60.00	each
		\$200.00	the lot

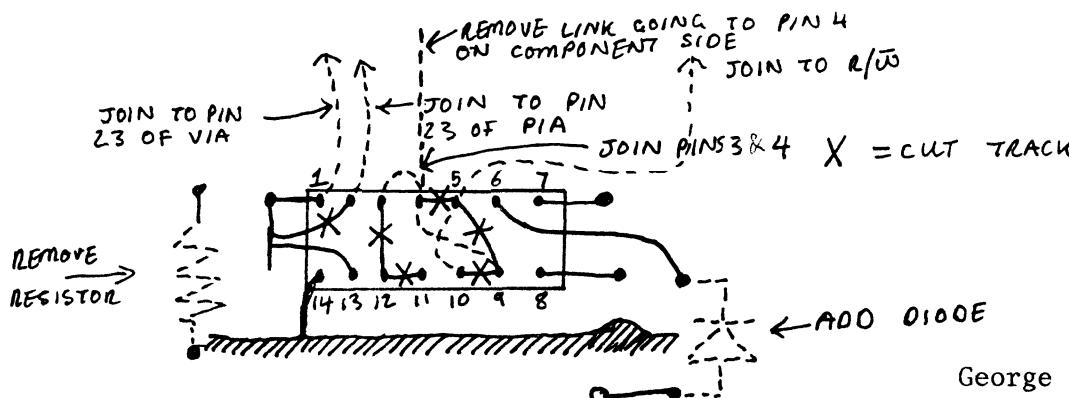
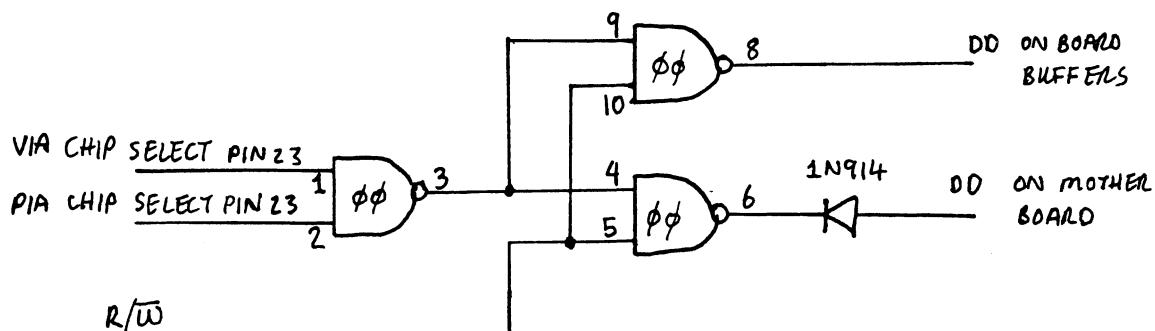
Warren Schaeche  
ph.

## THE VIA/PIA BOARD FIX

Those of you who are using disk on the Tasker Buss system will have found that your I/O board will not work correctly.

This is because David Tasker derived his DD (data direction) signal, which controls the direction of flow on the data Buss, by using the C0/C8 decoded line, which means that when any byte within that 2K region is addressed, the I/O board was always functioning.

A simple solution to this problem can be made by changing the logic of the DD line. Unfortunately, the 7412 chip previously used is inadequate so we have to use 7400 in its place. The existing socket and tracks of the 7412 can be altered to allow the 7400 to plug back in its place. This is shown below.



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### MEDIUM RESOLUTION GRAPHICS

For those of you who have enquired on the Medium resolution graphics for the Series I machines you will be happy to know that the mod is very easy. The documentation for the mod is almost complete with minor changes to be made. The machine code graphics routines have been converted but await documentation.

The only problem I can see with this mod is that it uses the RTS line to select between the two character sets. Whilst this is not a problem in itself, the problem is that you may wish to use the RTS line at some time in the future. This will be true if you wish to use some printers or a modem. To also have this mod would mean manually selecting with a switch which option you would wish to run.

If you are still interested in the mod then see me at the next meeting or contact me on

Kelvin Eldridge

## MODIFICATION TO MAKE C4 BOARD INTO C1

If, after building the C1-C4 video board, you are still keen for punishment, then this is for you. You can modify the C4 board so that you are able to display graphics in the C1 format ie. adding 32 to the screen address to move down one one.

### PARTS NEEDED

2 X 74LS157

2 X 16 pin sockets

2 X 14 pin sockets

2 X 14 header plug (solder type)

Ribbon cable to suit above and some jumper wire ie. wire-wrap wire

Install a 14 and a 16 pin socket on the Superboard

Remove the jumpers installed in steps 14 and 15 of the C4 instructions

Connect pin 6 of U41 to pin 12 of the 16 pin socket

Connect pin 7 of U41 to pin 7 of the 16 pin socket

Connect pin 6 of U41 to pin 4 of the 16 pin socket

Place jumpers between the following pins of the 16 pin socket, pin 3 & pin 5; pin 6 & pin 14; pin 13 & pin 11; pin 2 & pin 10.

Connect +5 volts to pin 16 and ground to pins 8 and 15.

Remove the jumper from between pin 6 of U54 and pin 14 of U60

Connect pin 6 U54 to pin 9 of the 16 pin socket

Connect pin 11 U60 to pin 11 of the 16 pin socket

Connect pin 11 U59 to pin 3 of 14 pin socket

Connect pin 11 U61 to pin 2 of the 14 pin socket

On the C1-C4 board install the 16 pin and 14 pin sockets in spaces provided.

Connect pin 15 and pin 8 to ground and pin 16 to +5 volts

Connect a 1K resistor between +5 volts and pin 3

Connect a resistor between +5 volts and pin 1 of 16 pin socket

Using a sharp knife cut the copper trace between pin 1 of 6A and +5 volts

Connect a jumper between pin 1 of 16 pin socket and pin 1 of 6A and pin 1 of the 14 pin socket

Next comes a bit of desoldering to remove some links between chips. Follow the copper trace from the point stated and remove the first link that passes from one side to the other.

Remove link from pin 1 U65 on the C4 board.

Remove link from pin 1 of 3C.

Remove the link from pin 3 of 3C

Remove the link from pin 12 of socket 1B

Connect pin 4 of the 16 pin socket to pin 1 of 3C

Connect pin 2 of the 16 pin socket to pin 3 of 5D

Connect pin 5 of 16 pin socket to pin 12 of socket 1B

Connect pin 7 of 16 pin socket to pin 1 of 1C

Connect pin 14 of 16 pin socket to pin 14 of 6A

Connect pin 12 of 16 pin socket to pin 1 of U65 on the C4 board

Connect pin 11 of 16 pin socket to pin 12 of 2A

Connect pin 10 of 16 pin socket to pin 2 of 3C

Connect pin 9 of 16 pin socket to pin 3 of 3C

Connect pin 13 of 16 pin socket to pin 2 of the 14 pin socket

Connect pin 6 of 16 pin socket to pin 3 of 14 pin socket

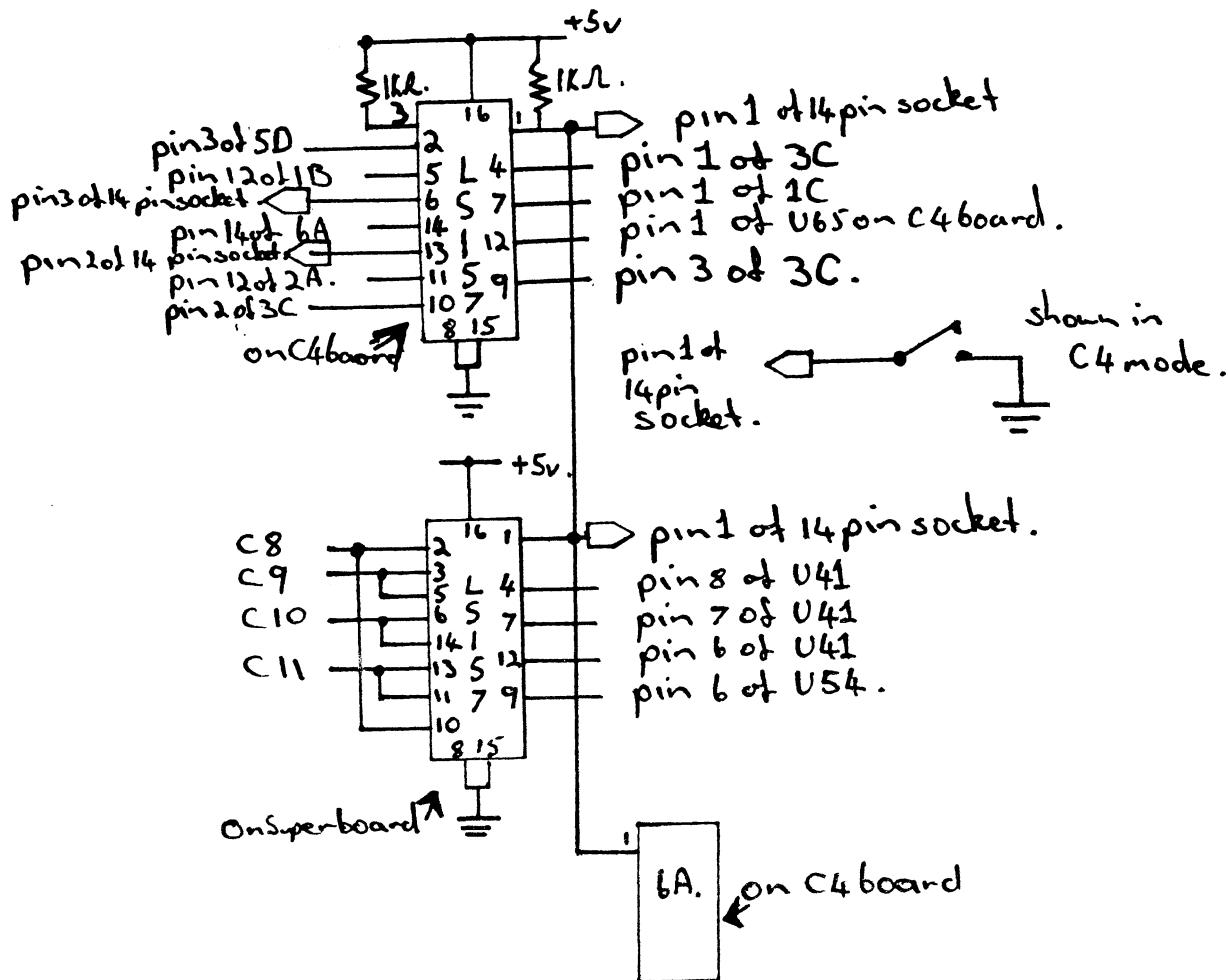
Connect pin 16 of 14 pin socket to ground

Now solder directly to the bottom of the 14 pin socket a 14 strand ribbon cable. Care should be taken to note the way the header plug connects to this cable so as to get the right way the first time. Solder the other end of the cable to plug. Now solder 2 wires to the last header plug and to a switch as per circuit, and insert this into the 14 pin socket from the top. Mount the switch on the front or back panel, this switch will change the display format.

Last but not least, re-assemble the Superboard and the C4 board and apply power. It should wake up and you should be able to operate the switch and swap between the two formats. If not, happy hunting!!!!!!!

As a last resort my phone number is

Jeff Rae.



## Modification to Make C4 board into C1

FOR SALE

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(80 characters wide)  
18 months old excellent condition  
Mark Blakey  
ph.

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8K RAM DABUG III  
RS232 port sound port  
2 graphics modes polled keyboard  
includes all manuals Game cassettes extra!

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10am - 1pm or  
ask for Nick

6pm - 11pm

## EPROM BOARD MODIFICATION

A lot of you in the past year have constructed the Tasker Buss system and might have purchased an EPROM board which you are not currently using. Lately, a new static RAM chip has become readily available at a reasonable cost which is pin compatible with 2716 EPROMs. With slight modifications, your un-utilized EPROM board may be converted to an 8K RAM board. Some of these chips, such as the Hitachi 6116 made using C MOS technology, which means that their power consumption is so low that the contents can be maintained for a very long period using battery back-up.

NOTE: READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING PLEASE

FOLLOW THESE STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS

### STEP 1

The current design of the EPROM board has a data buffer which only allows for the data to flow in one direction. Unfortunately this is not suitable for a RAM board which requires the data to flow in both directions (bi-directional). For simplicity we remove the 74LS241 buffer and by-pass it. This is achieved by joining the following pins together.

2 to 18    4 to 16    6 to 14    8 to 12    3 to 17  
5 to 15    7 to 13    9 to 11

This is shown on the diagram below, section A

### STEP 2

Since RAMs require a R/W line we have to provide one by taking it off the Buss and fixing it to pin 21 of each chip. Unfortunately pin 21 is tied to plus 5 volts and has to be cut as shown in section B.

### STEP 3

We then place a link from the R/W track to pin 21 as shown in section C.

### STEP 4

The current circuit is designed so pin 20 on the EPROM chips acts as a chip select. The new RAM chips require the chip select on pin 18, so each chip select has to be moved from pin 20 to pin 18. This is achieved by removing the links joined to pin 20, running parallel with the EPROM sockets on the component side of the board, then rejoining them to pin 18 on each chip, see section D.

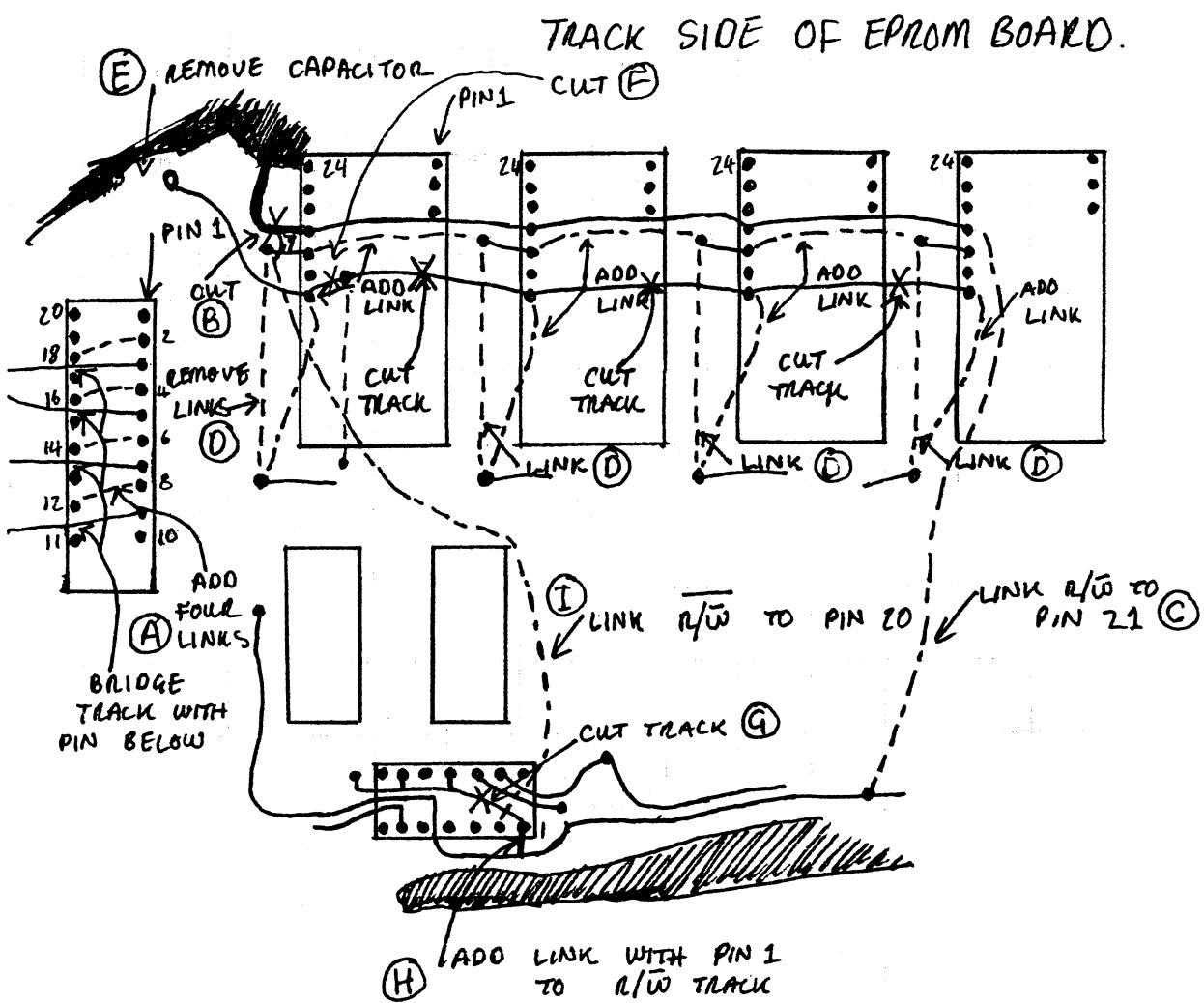
### STEP 5

Remove the capacitor as shown in section E and cut the tracks running between all the pin 18s and isolate the link joined to pin 18 on the chip closest to the buffer, see section F.

### STEP 6

The timing diagram of pin 20 on the new RAM chips, specify that the levels work logically opposite to the R/W line. There is no provision on the EPROM board for a NOT R/W signal, therefore we have to generate one using one of the spare inverter gates on the board. The most appropriate one is the one on pin 1 and 2 of the 74LS04. Cut the track going to pin 1 from pin 11 (see section G) and then link pin 1 to the track below it which happens to be the R/W line. See section H. We then link pin 2 to pin 20 on each chip as shown in section I. Link all the pin 18s of each chip together.

George Nikolaidis



The easiest way to tell which version of the monitor you have is to press the CR button on the hex keypad after resetting your SYM. If you have the first version of the monitor, the display will show 'SY1.0 ..' while the second version will show 'SY1.1 ..'.

In V1.1, many constants in the cassette routines were moved into system RAM. Location \$A630 controls the length of the sync leader. It currently has the value \$04, but dropping to \$01 will reduce the leader to a minimum. Setting it to \$FF is the best way to make a sync tape.

The best trick for V1.1 is to fiddle the values in locations \$A632, \$A635 and \$A63C. These locations control the major timing loops. The cassette interface speed is software controlled, so by halving the values in these three locations your cassette interface will operate at 3000 baud with absolutely no hardware changes. If your tape deck is good enough, try halving it again. You may be lucky enough to have a reliable 6000 baud cassette system. Who needs a disk?

When writing programs which use subroutines in the cassette interface part of the monitor, it is important to note which version you are using as their start locations are different in each monitor. This does not effect other SUPERMON subroutines, but more about this next month.

#### NEXT MONTH:- SUPERMON ROUTINES

SUPERMON consists mainly of subroutines which can be very useful in user programs. SUPERMON itself can be used as a subroutine. Next month we will look at ways to use the subroutines and list a few that are not mentioned in the book.

Brian Campbell

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#### SCREEN FREEZE

This program was born from the fact that while modifying some programs on the C4, I was annoyed by the problem that if you ran a program that swapped the screen format, you had to type in POKE 56832,1 before you could read all that was being displayed on the screen. With this program hooked into the CTRL C you can freeze the screen at any time whether you are printing or poking characters to the screen. By depressing CTRL and S at the same time the screen will freeze and stay frozen until another key is pressed. Also by using this same hook you can cause the C4 to switch to 64 screen when you press CTRL C. This is handy when you are developing or modifying a program as you can then list with a 64 screen

There are two versions of this program, one each for the C4 and C1. To use this program do a cold start, then use the monitor to enter the code in the third column into the machine. Once you have entered the code, modify locations #0000 - #0002 to read 4C 4B 02 for the C4 and 4C 3C 02 for the C1, then do a warm start and the added control keys should now work. If it does not work, check the code you entered against the original.

One final note, line 210 in the source code turns on DABUG so if you have a standard monitor, fill the relevant location with NOP's (EA).

Jeff Rae

### SOURCE FOR C4

```

10 0222 A901      LDA #$01
20 0224 8D00DF    STA $DF00
30 0227 2C00DF    BIT $DF00
40 022A 501C      BVC END
50 022C A908      LDA #$08
60 022E 8D00DF    STA $DF00
70 0231 2C00DF    BIT $DF00
80 0234 1003      BPL C
90 0236 2000FD    JSR $FD00
100 0239 A904      C      LDA #$04      ;Routine to swap screen size
110 023B 8D00DF    STA $DF00      ; when CTRL C is hit (C4 only)
120 023E 2C00DF    BIT $DF00      ;
130 0241 5005      BVC END      ;
140 0243 A901      LDA #$01      ;
150 0245 8D00DE    STA $DE00      ;
160 0248 4CB9FF    END      JMP $FFB9
170 024B A922      LDA #$22
180 024D 8D1C02    STA $021C
190 0250 A902      LDA #$02
200 0252 8D1D02    STA $021D
210 0255 20E2F9    JSR $F9E2
220 0258 4C74A2    JMP $A274

```

### SOURCE FOR C1

```

10 0222 A9FE      LDA #$FE
20 0224 8D00DF    STA $DF00
30 0227 2C00DF    BIT $DF00
40 022A 700D      BVS END
50 022C A9F7      LDA #$F7
60 022E 8D00DF    STA $DF00
70 0231 2C00DF    BIT $DF00
80 0234 3003      BMI END
90 0236 2000FD    JSR $FD00

160 0239 4CB9FF   END      JMP $FFB9
170 023C A922      LDA #$22
180 023E 8D1C02    STA $021C
190 0241 A902      LDA #$02
200 0243 8D1D02    STA $021D
210 0246 201AFA    JSR $FA1A
220 0249 4C74A2    JMP $A274

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### TELETYPE

To use the Teletype routine with DABUG III change the first instruction from JSR \$FF69 to JSR \$FB00

### EXTENDED MONITOR

If you use the Extended Monitor to print out disassembled code change \$099D from 17 to 46 to print one A4 page before stopping.

John Whitehead

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## MACHINE CODE PROGRAMMING

The main use of the X and Y registers is as counters to be used for indexed addressing and delay loops.

When writing M/Code programs, especially real time games, it is often necessary to include delay loops to slow the action down.

Load the programs below in the usual way, then Break and either cold or warm start to get into Basic.

Enter the following in immediate mode:

POKE11,34:POKE12,2:X=USR(X)

This set up the USR(X) vectors and then runs the M/Code program, the RTS at the end of the programs will return the machine to Basic.

```
10 0222 A2FF      LDX #$FF      ;Initialize X to required delay
20 0224 CA  LOOP  DEX
30 0225 D0FD      BNE LOOP
40 0227 60        RTS          ;Return to main program
```

Note that the count is Decremented from (required delay) to 0. In the X and Y registers the Z flag is set when the count reaches 0, this means that the end of the count can be detected by a Branch instruction. If the count was from 0 to a value and used Increment, then a Compare instruction would be required.

In most cases the value for the delay will be found by trial and error but it can be calculated by using a 6502 instruction set chart. In the example above LDX takes 2 cycles, DEX 2 cycles and BNE 3 cycles, therefore the delay will be  $2 + (5 * 255)$  cycles, at a clock frequency of 1 MHz this =  $1277 / 1\text{MHz} = 0.001277$  seconds. To obtain a longer delay we need to add a second loop:

```
10 0222 A0FF      LDY #$FF      ;Initialize Y register
20 0224 A2FF  LOOP1  LDX #$FF      ;      "      X      "
30 0226 CA  LOOP2  DEX
40 0227 D0FD      BNE LOOP2
50 0229 88        DEY
60 022A D0F8      BNE LOOP1
70 022C 60        RTS          ;Return to main program
```

In this routine X will count down to 0, then Y will Decrement by one and X will be reset to the original value. This will be repeated until  $Y=0$ . To calculate the delay for The delay for this routine is:  
 $(2+2+(5*X)+5+2-1)*Y = (2+2+(5*255)+5+2-1)*255 = 327675 = 327675/1\text{MHz} = 0.327$  seconds. In the section of the equation underlined the +2 is to re-initialize the X register and the -1 is because the BNE only takes 2 cycles when it does not loop.

The next program stores the start address of the screen RAM in \$00-\$01 and adds the contents of the Y register to it to get the next location (line 280). At the end of each line (line 300) 32 is added to the address in \$00-\$01 to move to the next line down.

The 8 graphics characters 80 to 87 Hex are used in sequence to sweep a narrow band down the screen, and a 20 Hex is used after each 8 passes to clear the screen.

The delay routine at line 330- 380 alters the speed and if the code from \$023E to \$0242 is replaced with NOP's (EA) a row of bars will be drawn down the screen

If you have a C4 use the numbers in brackets.

10 0222	*=\$0222		
20 0222	A9D0	LDA #\$D0	;Load screen address and
30 0224	8501	STA \$1	; save at \$00 and \$01
40 0226	A900	LDA #\$0	
50 0228	8500	STA \$0	
60 022A	A987	LOOP4 LDA #\$87	;Load graphics character
70 022C	8502	STA \$02	;Store at \$02
80 022E	A502	LOOP1 LDA \$2	
90 0230	205502	JSR DSPLAY	
100 0233	205F02	JSR WAIT	
110 0236	C602	DEC \$2	;Next character
120 0238	A502	LDA \$2	
130 023A	C980	CMP #\$80	;Last char required
140 023C	B0F0	BCS LOOP1	;No, loop
150 023E	A920	LDA #\$20	
160 0240	205502	JSR DSPLAY	
170 0243	18	CLC	
180 0244	A500	LDA \$0	;Add 32 to address in \$00
190 0245	6920 (40)	ADC #\$20(40)	; to move down one line
200 0248	8500	STA \$0	
210 024A	A501	LDA \$1	
220 024C	6900	ADC #\$0	;Add 0 PLUS ANY CARRY FROM
230 024E	8501	STA \$1	; FIRST ADC to \$01
240 0250	C9D4 (D7)	CMP #\$D4 (D7)	;Is it bottom of screen
250 0252	90D6	BCC LOOP4	;No, do next line
260 0254	60	RTS	
270 0255	A000	DISPLAY LDY #\$00	
280 0257	9100	LOOP2 STA (\$0),Y	
290 0259	C8	INY	
300 025A	C020 (40)	CPY #\$20 (40)	;End of line?
310 025C	90F9	BCC LOOP2	
320 025E	60	RTS	
330 025F	A001	WAIT LDY #\$01	
340 0261	A201	LOOP5 LDX #\$01	
350 0263	CA	LOOP3 DEX	
360 0264	DOFD	BNE LOOP3	
370 0266	88	DEY	
380 0267	DOF8	BNE LOOP5	
390 0269	60	RTS	

As an exercise you could try writing a program to make the bars travel up the screen.

The next program uses some of the same routines, but instead of drawing lines it looks for the letter 'A' in the screen RAM, if one is found it is changed to a CHR BB and the program scan the rest of the screen, then returns to the main program.

This type of program could be used in games to move characters around the screen, for instance, if 'Y' was incremented before the BEQ to CHANGE all the 'A's on the screen would be moved one place to the right

To run the program, load it with the monitor, then cold start and write a Basic program to put some text on the screen eg.

```
10 FORX=1TO10;INPUT A$(X):NEXT
20 POKE 11,34:POKE 12,2:X=USR(X)
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Enter the 10 lines of text and when return is pressed after the last input, all the 'A's will be changed. The character to be changed is at \$022F and the character to be inserted is at \$024C.

The numbers in brackets are for the C4 machine.

10	0222	*=\$0222	
20	0222	A9D0	LDA #\$D0 ;Load screen address and
30	0224	8501	STA \$1 ; save at \$00 and \$01
40	0226	A900	LDA #\$0
50	0228	8500	STA \$0
60	022A	A000	RESET LDY #\$00 ;Set counter to zero
70	022C	B100	LOOP LDA (\$0),Y ;LDA from address in
75			;\$00-\$01 plus Y
80	022E	C941	CMP #\$41 ;Is it 'A'
90	0230	F019	BEQ CHANGE ;Yes, go to CHANGE routine
100	0232	C8	COUNT INY
110	0233	C020	(40) CPY #\$20 (40) ;Is count 32 (line length)
120	0235	DoF5	BNE LOOP ;No, look at next address
130	0237	18	CLC
140	0238	A500	LDA \$0
150	023A	6920	(40) ADC #\$20 (40) ;Add 32 to address in \$00
160	023C	8500	STA \$0 ; to move down one line
170	023E	A501	LDA \$1
180	0240	6900	ADC #\$0 ;Add 0 PLUS ANY CARRY FROM
190	0242	8501	STA \$1 ; FIRST ADC to \$01
195	0244	A501	LDA \$1
200	0246	C9D4	(D7) CMP #\$D4 (D7) ;Is it bottom of screen
210	0248	DOE0	BNE RESET ;No, do next line
220	024A	60	RTS
230	024B	A9BB	CHANGE LDA #\$BB ;Load new character and
240	024D	9100	STA (\$0),Y ; store at current address
250	024F	4C3202	JMP COUNT

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OOOPS!!!!

Several mistakes were made when the Competition Worm program was re-typed for the news letter.

Line 50 Last colon should be semi-colon

```
" 810 BP=(C2+WI*RND(8)-LL*INT(23*RND(8)))
" 815 IFPEEK(BP) 32THEN810
" 950 REM CONTROL KEYS SELECTED TO SUIT JOYSTICKS
" 960 RETURN
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